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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 6 MAY 1957

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. ORR Support of OTR

As an aftermath of a recent DD/I request, ORR divisions may be asked to maintain regular statistics on time expended in support of OTR. St/A will advise.

2. Career Preference Outlines

This is now a going program. Outlines must be prepared for all GS-11's, 12's and 13's by the end of calendar year 1957, even though the scheduled dates are past. Other grades will also be prepared during the calendar year at the time of the Fitness Reports.

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3. Evasion and Escape

[REDACTED] reported that the required cutbacks in E and E production are being accomplished through the termination of Safe Area and Route Studies, and Combat Crew Briefs. Production of Evasion Geographies will continue.

4. Quarterly Project Report

St/C has requested that "umbrella projects" -- those which really represent maintenance -- not be included in statistics submitted for this report.

5. Coordination

Material submitted by the GRA on the subject of coordination of geographic intelligence has been reviewed by the DAD/RR and will be grouped with the ERA submission for transmittal to the IG and General Cabell. The study, undertaken basically in response to the findings of the Killian Committee on CIA's mission in coordinating national security interests, recommended no changes with respect to geographic intelligence, but recommended major changes in the existing machinery for photographic intelligence.

6. Double-Talk on Phone

All personnel are warned against attempts to convey classified information over the phone by means of double-talk. The practice is risky because the elaborations that are necessary generally make the device self-defeating.

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8. ONI Republication 25X1A9a

██████████ reported that a large part of a recent ONI publication consists of a verbatim reproduction of a D/GG report without credit line. The group agreed that, although the report was prepared at the request of ONI, some action should be taken because of the factor of false verification. ██████████ will study the matter further.

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9. Attendance at Professional Meetings

St/A desires a report listing the professional society meetings to be held during FY '58 to which the GRA expects to send individuals either under full Agency sponsorship or on a duty-status-without-reimbursement-for-travel-costs basis. The listing should report the number of individuals in each category as well as: (1) the name of the meeting; (2) location of the meeting; (3) inclusive dates of attendance; and (4) number of personnel to attend. Divisions will submit their report to Acting Chief/G by 27 May.